

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 21-0.01 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/21-0.01)

7 Sec. 21-0.01. Powers after January 1, 1998. Beginning on
8 January 1, 1998 and thereafter, the State Board of Education,
9 in consultation with the State Teacher Certification Board,
10 shall have the power and authority to do all of the following:

11 (1) set standards for teaching, supervising, or
12 holding other certificated employment in the public
13 schools, and administer the certification process as
14 provided in this Article; provided, however, that the State
15 Teacher Certification Board shall be solely responsible
16 for the renewal of Standard Teaching Certificates as
17 provided in Sections 21-2 and 21-14 of this Code;

18 (2) approve, ~~and~~ evaluate, and sanction teacher and
19 administrator preparation programs;

20 (3) enter into agreements with other states relative to
21 reciprocal approval of teacher and administrator
22 preparation programs;

23 (4) establish standards for the issuance of new types

1 of certificates; ~~and~~

2 (4.5) maintain a system of certification testing
3 aligned with standards determined by the State Board of
4 Education;

5 (4.10) establish a code of ethics for all educators;
6 and

7 (5) take such other action relating to the improvement
8 of instruction in the public schools through teacher
9 education and professional development and that attracts
10 qualified candidates into teacher training programs as is
11 appropriate and consistent with applicable laws.

12 (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 1-1-98; 91-102, eff. 7-12-99.)

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
14 2011.